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BAD TO WORSE.

POSITION OF GERMAN TRADE.

DYERS' REVIEW.

Berlin, September 3.
The general depression in German industries and their inability to meet their increasing demands for raw materials unless there is a considerable expansion in export trade was emphasised by Herr Duisberg, Chairman of the Association of German Industrialists and Chairman of the German dye industry, in a speech at a general meeting of the Association at Dresden.

Herr Duisberg, who has just returned from a world tour, finds the position in the country generally worse than when he left Germany. He said that the engineering industry was in a worse position in July than in June. The position of the iron and steel industry was extremely bad, as was evidenced by the number of unemployed, whilst the dyestuff industry, which was the backbone of the chemical industry, was very unsatisfactory, the business being under 50 per cent. of the average turnover.

Herr Duisberg accused America of dumping competition. He said that although the export from the mining and iron industry had rather improved as the result of the British miners' strike, the home demand for coal remained very unsatisfactory.

Herr Duisberg said that he expected the impending conclusion of the iron and steel pact to bring to an end French and Belgian dumping sales in South Germany.

The position of the electro-technical industry was generally satisfactory, but paper and textiles were not prospering with the exception of artificial silk, velvet, and silk. He concluded by recommending the strictest economy and an all round reduction in imports to the minimum.—Reuter.

DOOR OPEN.

MINERS' REQUEST TO CHANCELLOR.

FRESH NEGOTIATIONS.

London, Sept. 3.

A letter addressed to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, signed by Mr. A. J. Cook, states that the Miners' Executive and the delegate conference request the Chancellor to convene and attend a conference of the Mining Association and the Miners' Federation. The latter are prepared to negotiate a new national agreement with a view to reducing labour costs to meet the immediate necessities of the industry.

Following receipt of the letter from the Executive of the Miners' Federation the Government has requested the Mining Association to resume negotiations.—Reuter.

Good Progress.

Rugby, Sept. 3.

The Miners' Executive, in consultation with Mr. Ramsay MacDonald and other members of the Parliamentary Labour Party, have spent most of the day in discussing and drafting proposals with a view to reopening the coal negotiations. It is stated that good progress was made.

When completed the proposals will be submitted to the Government, who will then decide whether they offer a basis for fruitful negotiations. If, as is hoped, the proposals show a definite advance the Government will invite the mine owners to resume negotiations and to display reciprocal concessions.

Mr. Churchill, who will be responsible for any action taken by the Government during the Prime Minister's absence abroad, and the Labour and Mines Ministers are remaining in London during the week-end to deal with developments.

The Miners' Executive will probably approach the Government to-morrow.—British Wireless Service.

It is proclaimed by order of His Excellency the Governor in Council that Tsingtao is a place at which an infectious or contagious disease prevails.

CANTON'S WAR.

CONFLICTING REPORTS OF WUCHANG.

ATTACK ON KWANGTUNG?

News overnight as the fortunes of war in central China are apt to confuse the issue further. Reuter passes on a Japanese despatch denying that Wuchang (the city on the southern bank of the Yangtse River) has been taken by the Nationalists.

On the other hand, local vernacular papers which have been anti-Canton in tone, admit that Wu Pei-fu has evacuated Wuchang.

The pro-Nationalist press claim the entry of the Canton troops even into Hankow, on the northern bank of the river, and the general rout of Wu Pei-fu. "Occasional" sources give more details of the reported revolt against Wu Pei-fu.

Wu Pei-fu's whereabouts are very much open to speculation. The "China Mail" assumes that more would have been heard about his "being a prisoner" or "killed in action" if there is any possibility of reliable information.

Another Chinese cable says

BURGLARY SEQUEL.

Arms in Alexandra Building.

OFFICE BOY DETAINED.

Search for Mackintosh Loot Continues.

Searching with the utmost care so far has revealed nothing of the goods stolen from Messrs. Mackintosh & Co., Ltd., but in the course of their inquiries the Police have found arms in Alexandra Building. A Chinese, believed to be an office boy, has been detained.

After the report to the Police exactly a week ago of the latest "city store" burglary, a careful watch was maintained on outgoing ships. Detectives searched all parts of Alexandra Building with great care, questioning all servants.

It will be recalled that after a recent theft at a silk store in Ching Building, some of the "loot" was found on an upper floor, cunningly concealed.

On the third floor of Alexandra Building (Messrs. Mackintosh's premises) being on the ground

BORDER OUTLAWS.

GUERRILLAS NEAR BRITISH TERRITORY.

ROBBERY AND WOUNDING.

Semi-regular Chinese troops, who might be described as guerrillas, are reported to be active on the other side of the New Territories border.

They are said to hold certain ground near Sha-tung-chung. This village is actually on the frontier, the main street separating the British part from the Chinese. Some time ago, the troops fled on the approach of Whampoa Cadets from Canton. As the Cadets have now left, for the front, the guerrillas are active again but have not crossed the border. Villagers on the Chinese side of Sha-tung-chung allege that these soldiers are levying "squeeze" of 60 cents a head on people crossing the boundary. Their former "charge" was 20 cents and they are now possibly trying to make up for time lost during their enforced absence.

A report has come in from the Sai Kung district, New Territories, about a "robbery and wounding" incident on a boat. Further details are awaited.

THIEVES BUSY.

EUROPEANS LOSE MONEY AND VALUABLES.

THREE INCIDENTS.

Three European residents were the victims in larcenies and thefts reported to the Police yesterday.

Mr. F. W. Stapleton of Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., lost a black horn from his motor-car (No. 193). Mr. Stapleton lives at No. 41, Humphreys' Building, Kowloon. The car was left at the "Star" ferry wharf between 3 and 5.30 p.m. yesterday when somebody removed the horn in his absence.

Mr. Gray, of the Taikoo Dock, lost a ring worth \$10 and \$60 in banknotes. The ring and money were kept in a locked drawer in Mr. Gray's home at the firm's summer quarters. The theft occurred between 4.30 and 6 p.m. yesterday. An amah was under suspicion but she has not been detained.

Staff-Sergeant A. Rooney has missed a watch and two medals from N. 5 block, Kennedy Road. The watch (valued at \$16), a Durbar medal and a long service medal were kept in an unlocked drawer in his quarters. It is surmised that the theft occurred between 1 a.m. and 6 a.m. yesterday. Staff-Sgt. Rooney is stationed at the Detention Barrack, off Garden Road.

REFUND OF RATES.

His Excellency the Governor in Council has ordered, under section 2 of the Rating (Refunds) Ordinance, 1926, Ordinance No. 3 of 1926, that refund of rates for the 1926-27 year 1926 be made where, at the time of assessment, the premises were wholly or partly vacant, and the whole or part of the rates thereon have been vacant during the whole or any month in the said quarter. Such refund will not be of the whole of the rates attributable to such vacant floors but will be made having regard to the allowance in the assessment for partial vacancy. No refund of rates for the said quarter will be made in any case where such rates have not been paid in advance as required by the Rating Ordinance, 1901.

The concession intimated in Government Notification No. 96 of 1925 is confirmed as regards refunds in respect of the months of February and March, and the second quarter of the year 1926; but no concession under such notification or under this order is to be claimed or expected in respect of any period after the third quarter of 1926.

RECREATION GROUNDS.

The following regulation has been made by the Governor in Council under section 2 of the Public Places Regulation Ordinance, 1870, Ordinance No. 2 of 1870.

Regulation 6 of the regulations made under the above Ordinance and set out on pages 12-15B of the Regulations of Hongkong, 1844-1925, under the heading "Other Recreation Grounds" is amended by the addition thereto of the following proviso:—

"Provided nevertheless that no unauthorised person shall enter, or be in or upon any pavilion used in connection with any recreation ground in the said public places."

ROYAL ASSENT.

His Majesty the King has not been advised to exercise his power of disallowance with respect to the following Ordinances:—
Ordinance No. 5 of 1926.—An Ordinance to regulate the issue of Hongkong Treasury bills in Hongkong.
Ordinance No. 6 of 1926.—An Ordinance to regulate the issue of Hongkong Treasury bills in London.

With very little damage to either vehicle, a motor car and tram No. 60 collided at about 10.30 a.m. yesterday near Wellington Barrack.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR'S BIRTHDAY: TAIPO RECEPTION.



Photo by A. Fong

The Kalfongs (i.e., the "elders" of the people) at Taipo entertained H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi) on Wednesday on the occasion of his birthday. The complimentary "pai lau" (decorated bamboo arch) is behind the group in the photo. His Excellency, Lady Clementi (in raincoat), the Hon. Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Southern are seated in the front row with principal hosts on either side of them. Other Government officials are also in the group.

that river steamers from Shanghai are not going up to Hankow now, but only as far as Kiukiang. Last night, it was learned from a reliable source in Hongkong that anti-Red troops were invading Kwangtung province from Fukien. It is also stated that Swatow harbour was mined on Thursday night and that Chinese officials are preparing to leave the port.

On the other hand, the Naval authorities have nothing to say on the matter. A point which strikes the "China Mail" is the distance of Swatow from the Fukien frontier, the presence of a fairly strong army of Cantonese in that zone, and the improbability of an official exodus until danger was nearer.

The following has been sent to Reuter by the Canton Information Bureau:—

Canton, Sept. 3.
"A telegram received to-day from a responsible quarter in the North states that Wu Pei-fu died of wounds received while trying to rally his troops in a great battle for the Wuhan (Wuchang and Hankow) cities, occupation of which is now definitely admitted by the anti-Nationalists."

NEW LEGISLATION.

REGISTRAR OF MARRIAGES.

The draft of a Bill to enable the Governor to appoint such person as he may please to be Registrar of Marriages is published in the "Government Gazette."

The objects and reasons stated: It has been decided that when the office of the Secretary for Chinese Affairs is moved to the new government building opposite the Central Market it will be more convenient that the Land Officer, whose office is in the Courts of Justice, should be the Registrar of Marriages. This Ordinance has been drafted in order to enable that change to be made.

floor) is the office of the local Mexican Consulate, attached to which is a room for servants, there being such quarters on every floor.

Unsatisfactory Replies.
In this room were two beds. The occupant at the time told a Chinese detective that it had been previously searched. Questioned as to who occupied the other bed, the man is alleged to have given unsatisfactory replies. The possibility was explored and it was found that the other man had absented himself for a few days. He was traced to the servants' quarters of a European house near Pokfulam and then subsequently arrested.

This man is believed to have been in Alexandra Building for only a few days. At present it is surmised that he may have been a "substitute boy" at the Consulate, with or without the knowledge of the Consul.

Statements made to the Criminal Investigation Department point to the man leaving the room for fear of discovery of a revolver and a pistol. A final search revealed a small box under one of the beds in the servants' room on the 3rd floor. As far as can be made out, the man detained maintains that the weapons—with which were a number of rounds of ammunition—had been left with him by a friend.

Further developments will, of course, follow.

NAVY LEAGUE DAY.

A grand concert under the auspices of the Navy League and the presentation of the Zebrugge film (by arrangement with Hongkong Amusements, Ltd.) is announced for Hongkong on Trafalgar Day, October 21.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 2/1 15/16.

WAR MANDATES.

DEBATE ON COMMISSIONS WORK.

OBJECTIONABLE PROPOSAL.

Geneva, Sept. 3.

The Council this afternoon debated a report by M. Unden (Sweden) on the work of the Mandates Commission.

At the June session M. Briand (France), General Smuts (South Africa), Count Isali (Japan), Sir John Bell (New Zealand) and others agreed with Sir Austen Chamberlain, who strongly objected to the proposal of the Commission to address a questionnaire to the Mandatory Powers dealing with the administration of the mandated territories and the Commission to hear verbal petitions from the inhabitants of the Mandated territories.

Sir Austen Chamberlain stigmatised such a questionnaire as inquisitorial and opposed the commission's hearing of verbal petitions without first hearing the Mandatory's observations thereon.

The general opinion of the Council was that the Mandates Commission has exceeded its powers as regards supervising the administration of the mandated territories.—Reuter.

FAIR TO SHOWERY.

Till noon to-morrow, the official weather forecast for Hongkong, the coast and Formosa Channel is:—Moderate S.W. winds; fair to showery.

At 10.50 a.m. to-day the Observatory reported:—Pressure has decreased considerably at Koshi and slightly at Tokyo and from Shanghai to Indo-China. It has increased moderately at Naha.

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Rev. W. H. HEWITT, M.A., D.D.,
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Hongkong, 4th September, 1926.

FOOTBALL.

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1926-27.

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BUSINESS.

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Hongkong, 3rd September, 1926.

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Hongkong, 2nd September, 1926.

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Hongkong, Sept. 2, 1926.

THE KENTWELL CASE

ORDERED TO GIVE AN ACCOUNTING.

JUDGE'S SEVERE COMMENTS.

In H.M. Supreme Court, Shanghai, on Saturday, August 28, Judge Grain gave judgment in the case in which Mr. L. K. Kentwell, as liquidator of one of the so-called stock exchanges established a few years ago, was sued by an elderly Chinese financier, Mr. Chow Kwai-ching, the promoter and principal shareholder, for an accounting. His Lordship gave judgment for the plaintiff, ordering an accounting and awarding costs on the higher scale. There followed a brief outburst by Mr. Kentwell, which the Judge quickly stopped and then gave the defendant liberty to appeal, which Mr. Kentwell said he would do.

Mr. Kentwell's Protest. Immediately the Judge had finished, Mr. Kentwell said—"I am entirely surprised by the judgment rendered by your Lordship, and my surprise is confirmed by the fact that on the second day of the hearing it seemed to me that your Lordship was hostile to me throughout the entire proceedings. You appeared to have formed an opinion already before you heard my side of the story, and while I was cross-examining the plaintiff you took upon yourself to take."

The Judge—I am afraid you must listen to my judgment. It may be wrong or it may be right. If you have any fault to find, you have the right of appeal and you can set down in your appeal that you consider I formed my opinion before I heard your evidence.

Mr. Kentwell.—The whole atmosphere was so hostile that at times I considered it was bordering on racial prejudice.

The defendant continued to speak whilst the Judge was attempting to call him to order and it was difficult to follow his remarks, but he was heard to say, "This country is my motherland."

The Judge—I cannot have platform speeches. I am under the impression that you are a countryman of mine. You are a member of my own profession and a British subject, aren't you?

Mr. Kentwell.—Yes, I am. The Judge—I am satisfied that anybody who listened to the proceedings during the many days that the hearing of this case occupied will agree that I exercised the most extraordinary patience. I don't mind saying on my own behalf that if you had not been the defendant there were many things I should have objected to you saying, and the case, instead of lasting 13 days, would have lasted six. You have the right of appeal and you can state as the grounds of your appeal that the Judge was prejudiced.

Mr. Kentwell—I felt that from the second day.

The Judge—As long as it is not a platform speech you can speak. Mr. Kentwell—Your difficulty has been that you could not differentiate between the defendant and a professional man.

The Judge—We will not argue that. In my judgment I treated you entirely as a professional man and in the hearing of the case I gave you the most extraordinary licence. Now, do you ask for leave to appeal?

Mr. Kentwell—I certainly do.

The Judge—Leave to appeal will be granted subject to you depositing in Court the costs of this hearing.

Mr. M. B. Brown (for the plaintiff) mentioned the question of costs and said that, as from the start it had been a case of extreme difficulty, he thought that the special scale might be entertained.

Mr. Kentwell, in objecting to this, said that the hearing would have been shortened if the Court had sat in the afternoons, instead of only in the mornings.

The Judge reminded him that in the beginning he sat both morning and afternoon and he only gave up that practice at the request of Counsel. He understood that Mr. Kentwell had agreed to that course.

Mr. Brown—I consulted with my friend and secured his acceptance before making the application.

The Judge said that he would allow costs on the special scale.

Mr. Kentwell—Against my objection?

The Judge—Yes. You can appeal against that, too.

Mr. Kentwell.—That's it. My friend seems to get it both ways. He gets judgment and also higher costs.

The Judge—If my judgment is wrong, you will get it all back again.

EASTERN PORTS' HEALTH.

The health bulletin of Eastern ports for the week ended August 28 reads:—

Plague: 2 cases at Rangoon. Cholera: 2 cases at Bangkok; 16 at Amoy; 1 at Port Arthur; 100 at Shanghai; 1 at Yokohama; 1 at Rangoon; 1 at Bombay. Small-pox: 7 cases at Bombay; 8 at Madras; 7 at Bangkok.

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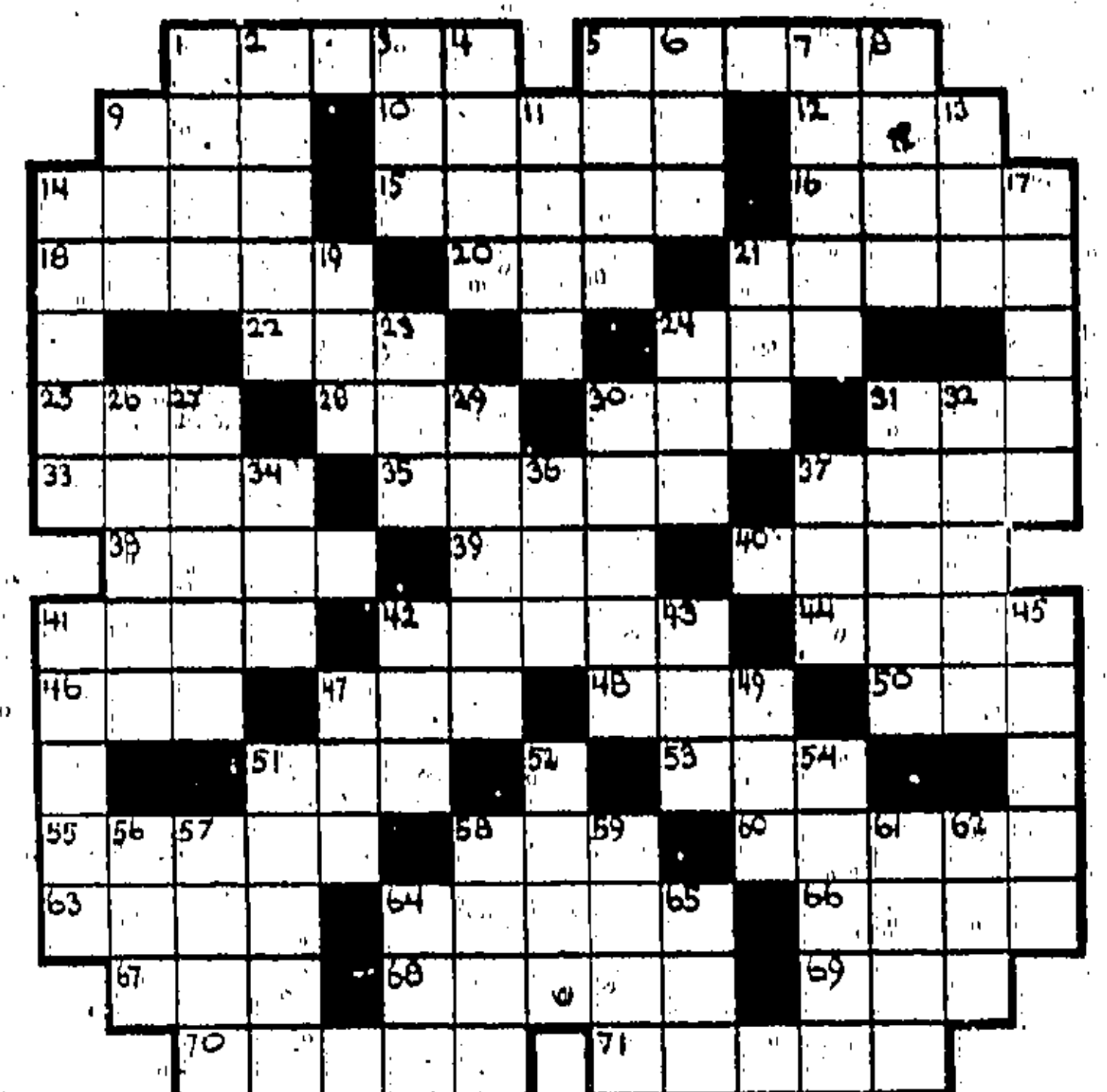
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(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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HORIZONTAL

- 1-American naval hero
- 5-To shatter
- 9-Matter in a sore
- 10-Part of a house
- 12-Seat in church
- 14-Artificially germinated grain
- 15-A minute particle
- 16-Forsy
- 18-Apportion
- 20-To immerse
- 21-Island in the Mediterranean
- 22-A soft drink
- 24-No
- 25-Timid
- 28-Small compact mass
- 30-Tear
- 31-Head covering
- 33-Part of a shoe
- 35-Demon
- 37-Dollies
- 38-Preparation
- 39-Insane
- 40-A herd
- 41-Position
- 42-Musical sounds
- 44-Grode
- 46-Insect
- 47-Male child

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 48-Despoil
- 50-Aye
- 51-To tilt
- 53-Light hit
- 55-To orange
- 58-A vegetable
- 60-To whip lightly
- 63-Colors
- 64-Scoorch
- 66-A drop of perspiration
- 67-Rodent
- 68-Fall flower
- 69-It disappears when one gets up
- 70-To kill without a trial
- 71-Postpone

VERTICAL

- 1-Untiring
- 2-To bar (Law)
- 3-Corm-moll (Biol.)
- 4-Measure of length
- 5-A sudden slide
- 6-Male human beings
- 7-Foam
- 8-To cure
- 9-Chum
- 11-To dip out
- 13-Clever rapscallion
- 14-Swamp

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 17-Arrows
- 19-To drag
- 21-Chant
- 23-Writing tablet
- 24-Nothing
- 26-A bird
- 27-Fermenting agent
- 29-Evil spirit
- 30-Horseman
- 31-Sweet substance
- 32-To muddle
- 34-Illuminated
- 35-Forefront
- 37-Idle talk
- 41-To dry
- 42-Lid
- 43-To moisten
- 45-Made to pay a tax
- 47-Title of address
- 49-Evil
- 51-Irritable
- 52-Depression
- 54-An article of furniture
- 55-Pronoun
- 57-Good
- 58-Exclamation
- 59-On
- 61-Close at hand
- 62-Head-Covering
- 64-Pouch
- 65-Before

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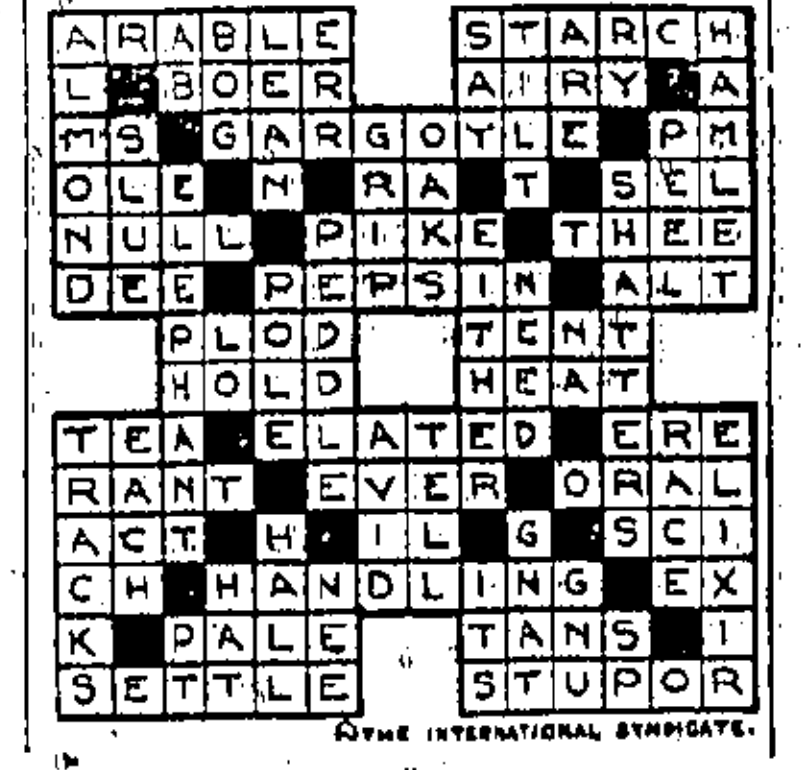
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OIL-POLLUTION.

TEXT OF INTERNATIONAL
DRAFT CONVENTION.

CONFERENCE AT WASHINGTON.

A précis of the proceedings at the recent international preliminary Conference on oil pollution of navigable waters at Washington, together with the Convention drafted by the Conference for the consideration of the Governments concerned, has just been issued by the United States State Department. The deliberations of the Conference, it is stated, were largely based on the report on oil pollution made in March this year by the American Interdepartmental Committee, as forming a sound basis for work. The countries represented were the United States, Belgium, British Empire, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, Norway, Spain, and Sweden.

A Marked Diminution.

It was agreed that there had been a marked diminution of oil pollution since attention had first been called to the matter, due both to the action of the Governments, and to the voluntary co-operation of the interests concerned, but that the oil was still serious in some waters and could only be combatted satisfactorily by international action. As land sources of pollution could only be dealt with by the Governments concerned, attention was concentrated on pollution caused by vessels. After hearing experts, the conference came to the conclusion that a mixture containing more than .05 of one per cent. of crude fuel or Diesel oil should be regarded as constituting a nuisance, and that for all practical purposes a mixture containing this percentage of oil or less need not, at any rate beyond territorial limits, be regarded as constituting a nuisance. Oily mixtures, it is added, could generally be recognised by the film visible to the naked eye which they produced upon the surface of the sea.

The Conference was not agreed as to the extent and effects of pollution caused by the deposit of oily mixtures on the high seas at distances greater than 59 miles from the shore, but it agreed that the first measure of prevention was the establishment of a system of areas within which the discharge of oil was prohibited. The extent of these areas, together with various other agreed conclusions, are embodied in the draft convention, the text of which is as follows:—

Draft of Convention.

The Governments of . . . desiring to take action by common accord to prevent pollution of navigable waters by oil or oily mixtures discharged from vessels, have resolved to conclude a Convention for this purpose, and have appointed as their Plenipotentiaries:

Who, having communicated to each other their respective full powers, found to be in good and due form, have agreed as follows:

The respective Governments may establish areas in waters adjacent to their coasts within which discharge from the vessels specified in Art. III of oil or oily mixtures as defined in Art. II shall be prohibited, in accord with the following principles:—

(a) In the case of coasts bordering the open sea, such areas shall not extend more than 50 nautical miles from the coast, except that, if such extent is in particular instances found insufficient because of peculiar configuration of the

coast line or other special conditions, such areas may be extended to a width not exceeding 150 nautical miles.

(b) In case the Government of any country desires to prescribe an area any part of which may be within 150 nautical miles of the coast of another country, that Government shall inform the Government of such other country before the area is prescribed.

(c) Due notice of the establishment of any area or areas, and of any change thereof, shall be given to the Governments of maritime states, in the form of charts or otherwise, by the central agency mentioned in Art. VII.

II.

The discharges which may be prohibited in any area prescribed pursuant to Art. I are (a) crude fuel or Diesel oil, or (b) any mixture containing more than .05 of 1 per cent. of such oil, or having a content of such oil sufficient to form a film on the surface of the sea visible to the naked eye in daylight in clear weather.

III.

The vessels which may be affected pursuant to the provisions of Article I are all sea-going vessels other than war vessels, carrying crude fuel or Diesel oil, in bulk as cargo or as fuel for boilers or engines. Special provisions may be adopted to meet the case of small vessels, of limited bunker capacity, but such vessels shall be required to take all reasonable precautions to prevent oil pollution.

IV.

The respective Governments agree to take the necessary measures to ensure that vessels classed as war vessels shall take every possible precaution to prevent oil pollution.

V.

Each Government will require vessels of the class specified in Art. III, flying its national flag, when within any area prescribed pursuant to Art. I, to refrain from discharging oil or oily mixtures as defined in Art. II.

VI.

The respective Governments agree: (a) That no penalty or disability of any kind whatever in the matter of tonnage measurement or payment of dues be incurred by any vessel by reason only of the fitting of any device or apparatus for separating oil from water.

(b) That dues based on tonnage shall not be charged in respect of any space rendered unavailable for cargo by the installation of any device or apparatus for separating oil from water.

(c) That the term "device" or apparatus for separating oil from water, as used in paragraph (a) and (b) of the Article, shall include any tank or tanks of reasonable size, used exclusively for receiving waste oil recovered from the device or apparatus, and the piping and fittings necessary for its operation.

VII.

The Government of . . . is invited to establish a central agency for the purpose of receiving, co-ordinating and circulating to the Governments of maritime states information relating to the system of areas established under the terms of this Convention, the experience with that system, and other data pertaining to the problem of oil pollution of navigable waters and means for dealing with that problem.

In the event of this invitation being accepted the other contracting Governments undertake to forward to the central agency the data specified in paragraph (c) of Art. I, hereof and also all other information which they consider appropriate for the purposes of this

VESSEL AGROUND.

STEAMER "STORVIKEN" WITH
FULL CARGO.

ASHORE ON TUNGSHA SPIT.

Shanghai, August 30.
The typhoon which struck Shanghai last Wednesday and lasted until Thursday, although not very strong, did not pass on its way without causing damage and one of its most serious results was the running aground on the Tungsha Spit of the Wallen Co.'s s.s. "Storviken."

A Norwegian vessel of 7,500 tons deadweight capacity, the "Storviken" was bound for Shanghai from the west coast of America and was carrying a full cargo including deck load of lumber for this port.

She ran ashore early on Thursday morning and the same afternoon the Shanghai Tug and Lighter Co.'s salvage tug "Saucy" went to her assistance. Up to the present the "Storviken" has had in attendance the "Saucy," "St. Sampson," "St. Dominic," the "Vulcan," which went down to the stranded vessel on Saturday accompanied by two lighters for discharging the cargo and thus lightening the ship, and the "St. Aubin," which left here at mid-day yesterday with two more lighters.

Owing to the danger to navigation it has not been possible for the cargo, which is too cumbersome and heavy, to be jettisoned, and it is therefore being removed by lighters.

The tugs are towing on each successive tide and have already run out the anchors. There is danger of another typhoon striking the ship, as there is known to be one working its way up the coast, and therefore every effort is being made to float the ship within the week, rather than wait until the next flood-tide.

No actual damage, it is understood, has been done to the "Storviken," except that her intake being choked, the vessel is unable to use her main engines.

Received at 12.10 p.m. yesterday, a warning by Manila Observatory read:—Sept. 3, 10.30 a.m., typhoon in about Lat. 28° E., Long. 132° E., moving north.

Received 8.35 p.m. yesterday, the following warning has been sent out by the Manila Observatory:—Manila, Sept. 3, 7.15 p.m., typhoon in about Lat. 29° N., Long. 133° E., direction unknown.

FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS

Article.

VIII.

The Government of the United States will invite the Governments of maritime states, other than the signatories, to adhere to the present convention. Such adherence shall be notified to the Government of the United States, and by the latter to all the other Governments signatory to the Convention.

IV.

The present Convention shall take effect as soon as the ratification of five of the Governments represented at the Washington Conference of June, 1926, shall have been notified to the Government of the United States. It may be denounced by any Government on notification to the Government of the United States to take effect one year from the date upon which such notification shall have been made.



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A SATURDAY CAUSERIE.

As succeeding military leaders have obtained supremacy in the North the new regime has been hailed as the forerunner of a competent and effective federal Government which will solve the questions outstanding between China and the Powers. Not for a long time had the prospects been brighter than when the Chang-Wu Pei-fu alliance outlasted the ousting of General Feng's Red Government from Peking and the defeat of the Red or Kuominchun forces. The South was keenly interested in the outcome of the struggle which it was generally understood would have a bearing on the local boycott question in that Canton would await developments before resuming the negotiations with Hongkong begun at the Boycott Conference. The assumption was that once Wu Pei-fu was in a position to turn his attention to the South there would be danger of the minor victories won by the allies of the South being checked and an extensive campaign entered into against the ascendancy of the Nationalist Government. Wu Pei-fu has, in fact, launched an offensive against the Nationalist forces on the Hankow front and reports indicate that he has been none too successful. Now comes news from a reliable source that he has been deposed by subordinates and held a prisoner. The Southern forces claim victories and whilst their claims as to the fall of Hankow and Wuchang seem without official confirmation it appears that the arrival of Wu Pei-fu's forces from the North, so far from establishing an immediate supremacy over the Southerners, has still further complicated matters. What effect it will have on the Southern situation it is difficult at the moment to state. It is doubtful if the treachery against his ally on the Hankow front had the acquiescence or even knowledge of Marshal Chang but it is hardly likely (with his position in the North still far from being safely assured) that he is in a position to forsake the North to render active assistance.

The mining crisis at Home looks more hopeful of settlement than at any period in this long drawn out struggle which has cost the community so much loss and inconvenience. The hint which the miners' leaders have given that providing assurance was given that any agreement reached would be on a national basis they would consider modifying the hitherto adamant attitude they have adopted on the question of hours and wages has been followed up by Mr. Winston Churchill and it is significant that the Opposition listened attentively to his speech in the House of Commons and even cheered references to the relation of district to national agreements. Even more cheering is the announcement that the miners' delegate conference have agreed to the Executive's recommendation for plenary powers and an open mandate to negotiate a settlement of the coal stoppage and to approach the Government for a new conference with that object. This is a decided modification of the positive attitude hitherto taken up that no negotiations could be countenanced which did not guarantee non-interference with the eight-hour day or the scale of wages in operation before the strike. It is to be hoped that the owners will display a similar conciliatory attitude and not prejudice the negotiations by holding strictly to the letter the local agreements entered into in certain districts.

War Effects on Hongkong.

Will General Chang Kai-shek now rest on his laurels or push northwards to Peking? That is a question which many who are "following" the trend of events in China's civil war are now asking themselves. Canton's soldier of the hour has declared that he will establish a joint government in

fact and in name, for the whole country. Politics in China being so liable to take the most unexpected turn, it is rash to predict what the future holds in store. Chang Kai-shek may tackle Chang Tso-lin or even Sun Chuan-fang of armed neutrality fame; or he may enter into an alliance with one or the other. Time was not so long ago when the Fengtien party and the Kuomintang were in alliance against Wu Pei-fu who was then in Peking. From the British point of view there will be much speculation as to whether the hostile attitude will spread to the territory newly conquered by the Nationalists. It is not denied that propagandists are accompanying the armies in the field to spread the new doctrine. The presumption that follows is that anti-British agitators will be at work. How far it will take root and what response the people will make remains to be seen. Hankow's trade is well known enough to Hongkong. There are Chinese merchants who do a fairly extensive business with that part of China. Sugar and medicinal herbs are two commodities which come to mind to speak of no others. Intermediate ports are situated between Hongkong and Hankow. If an embargo is placed against Hongkong we venture to say that it will not be so effective as, say, at Swatow or Kungmoon. On the other hand, British shipping may have to cope with pickets if the movement takes any root. The fact that a number of unruly students were executed only recently at Hankow by Wu Pei-fu may be taken to indicate that there exists fertile ground on which to sow the seed of feeling against Britain.

Wu Pei-fu's Eclipse.

As far as can be made out Wu Pei-fu's present defeat is due not so much to military inferiority as to discounting his opponents' strength and to his not having his own troops. A correspondent of the "China Mail" suggests that the chief advantage on the side of the Nationalists lay in the rank and file having been trained to fight "for an ideal." With the Northerners—as was the case with Chan Kwing-ming—the troops fought for their living and the generals placed personal gain before the "purpose" that they laboured for. One vernacular telegram early this week mentioned a Northern general visiting the front and presenting each private and non-commissioned officer with a dollar, while the officers received a sword. Small though the gifts may seem to a western mind, such incidents remain in the mind of the Chinese man in the street. Intermittent reports spoke of heavy fighting on different parts of the front; but the impression gained was that the Southerners pressed forward by strategic moves rather than by combat pure and simple. Perhaps, as our correspondent suggests, the prestige of the Whampoa Cadets, who form the nucleus of General Chang's army, had a disquieting effect on the Northerners. The turning of Wu Pei-fu's subordinates in his hour of trial does not seem strange to the student of things Chinese. Rather than face capture or being disarmed, the minor generals often precipitate a crisis by going over to the other side. This is the second time that Wu Pei-fu has been defeated. The first was when the Christian general (Feng Yu-shiang) revolted in Peking. Since then Wu Pei-fu has had to rely on former assistants, on whom he has had to be more dependent. The day seems passing in China when a leader with a name but not soldiers can lay down the law on the strength of loyalty from partisans.

SCIENCE'S LATEST.**BRUNSWICK PANATROPE DEMONSTRATION.**

AT CLUB LUSITANO.

A demonstration of the capabilities of the Brunswick Panatrope—the latest arrival in the world of electrically controlled gramophone instruments—was given at the Club Lusitano yesterday afternoon.

The announcement attracted sufficient attention to draw a large number of musical enthusiasts who were favourably impressed with the new instrument. Among those present were representatives from Messrs. Anderson Music Co., S. Moutrie & Co., the Rev. Father Riganti, Messrs. H. A. G. P. and L. E. Lammer, Mr. Felix M. Ellis, members of the Club Lusitano and several ladies.

What It Does.

Prior to the demonstration, Mr. P. A. Rosario explained that the Panatrope was the result of a few years of scientific research in the laboratories of the Radio Corporation of America, the General Electric Company, the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company, and the Brunswick Phonograph Company. He said it was different from other conventional makes of gramophone in that it had no sound box or horn. In place of the sound box there was a device called the magnetic pick-up. The scratches on the record were conveyed by wires to a power amplifier and by electrical energy converted into sound and the sound amplified in different stages by means of radio valves.

Easy Process.

It was also explained that although the inside of the instrument showed a number of wires running in different directions, they were set in such a way that there was nothing to get out of order. All that the operator had to do was to switch on the current. A comparison was made with a record on an ordinary cabinet machine and the same on the Panatrope. A feature of the new machine is that it has five graduations of sound, the highest being equal to that of an instrumental band, which would be useful at dancing parties. Soft tones are reproduced when the lever is set at number one; and from then on the sound increases although the clarity is retained.

Records Used.

The machine is primarily designed for Panachord records, none of which was available at the demonstration, but that the machine gives pleasing results on other makes of records was convincingly proved. Among the Victor and Brunswick records which were used on the instrument and much appreciated by the audience were "Lights Out" March (Victor), Fox Trot—Valencia (Brunswick), Voice Duet, contralto and tenor (Brunswick), Fibroch Solo—Angelus, and Piano Solo (Victor), Cello Solo (Columbia), quartettes, jazz, etc.

At the end of the demonstration the members of the audience availed themselves of the invitation to inspect the instrument and ask questions on points which needed explanation.

It is hereby notified that pursuant to section 14 of the Medical Registration Ordinance, 1884, Ordinance No. 1 of 1884, the Colonial Secretary has seen fit to strike the name of Dr. Chu Ho-quon off the register of medical and surgical practitioners qualified to practise medicine and surgery in this Colony, kept in accordance with the said Ordinance.

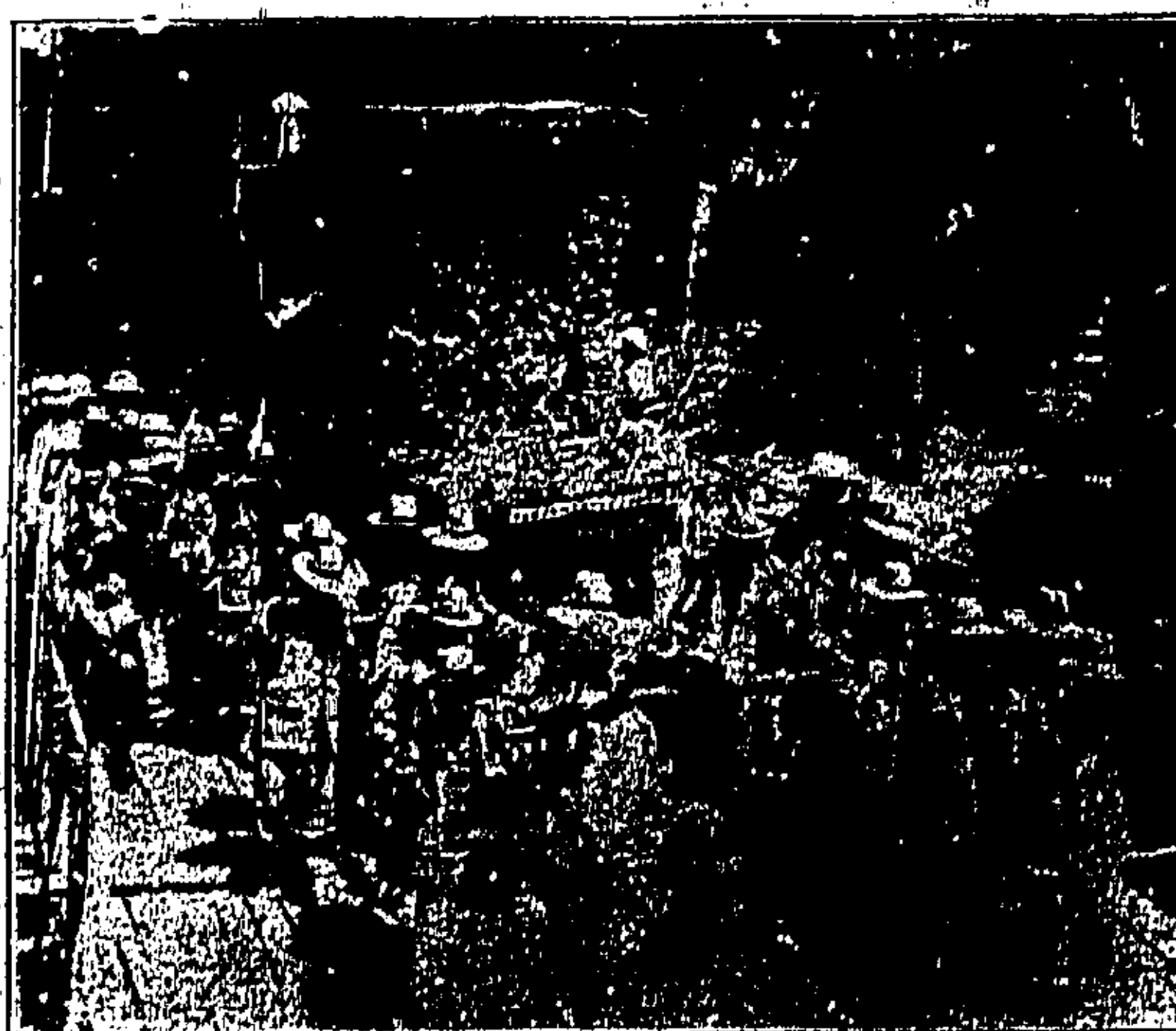
FUNERAL OF MR. HO FOOK.

Photo by A. Fong

The bier, with magnificent decorations of tapestry and flowers, in the funeral of Mr. Ho Fook (former member of the Legislative Council) on Tuesday. There are 12 bearers, in "double teams" of four each—the maximum number in a Chinese funeral.

CORRESPONDENCE.**HONGKONG AN APATHETIC COMMUNITY?**

NO COMMUNAL CONCERTS.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")
Sir,—I would like to endorse the remarks of "Music Lover" with regard to the apathy characterising the Hongkong community in matters pertaining to the communal welfare.

I have noticed that invariably, if the possibility of arranging weekly or fortnightly concerts in the City Hall—or elsewhere—is mooted in a company of even professed music enthusiasts, the same old theory is advanced that "we haven't sufficient talent in a small community like that of Hongkong."

Yet in every instance where a local concert has been properly organised—and by that I mean that the organisers have taken the trouble to approach the right people—the result of their efforts has been a concert which it has been a real pleasure to attend, superior in many respects to ones which have been charged for by touring companies at far higher rates than the admission to local concerts.

Such a concert was that at the Naval Theatre on Thursday night organised by the R.A.O.B. And another such was that at Tai Koo a short time ago. These concerts were organised by people who were keenly interested in the cause and sufficiently enthusiastic to take pains in its organisation.

If only such enthusiasm was more general there would be no difficulties in the way of regular concerts which would prove a real boon in the summer time when, falling such attractions, residents have to be content to remain indoors or waste their time and money in other directions.

Yours, etc.,

WELL-WISHER.

Hongkong, September 3.

FATAL QUARREL.**ALL OVER A HAWKER'S BAGS.****MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE.**

How a quarrel between a scavenging coolie and a hawker as to two bags which had been placed in the street to dry resulted in a fight and how later the hawker was found on a doorstep suffering from internal injuries which later led to his death was described at the Kowloon Magistrate's court yesterday when the scavenging coolie in question appeared on a charge of manslaughter.

Inspector Pincott prosecuted, while the defendant was unrepresented.

It was stated for the prosecution that defendant in the course of the fight used his broom and prodded deceased in the stomach. The defendant himself appeared at the time to have got the worst of it as he showed signs of having been struck below both eyes.

It was further stated that the deceased accompanied friends of his from the scene and that it was not until they turned round a corner that they found the deceased missing. Turning back, they found him on a doorstep. He was still alive then but by the time his relatives were called he had died.

Dr. Newton gave evidence of having performed the post mortem examination. He said that the deceased had a scratch near the spleen just below the ribs. The scratch was very slight and might have been caused by a prod with a stick or even by the deceased's own finger nails. The spleen was ruptured, with a considerable amount of haemorrhage, which was the cause of death.

After further evidence the case was adjourned.

IS YOUR RENT UP?**TENANTS INVITED TO WRITE IN.****ALLEGED INCREASE.**

Tenants in Hongkong—both Chinese and foreign—are invited to inform the "China Mail" of increases in the rentals of premises, since July 1, hitherto under the scope of the Rents Restriction Ordinance.

Where a request is stated, details will be withheld from publication. Letters should be signed. If names and/or addresses are not to be used, please state so.

A teacher living at Tai Nam Street, Shamshuipo, sends the "China Mail" a contract chopped by the owner.

The rent, for this flat, was \$8 and then \$9.70. The agreement stipulates \$17 as from Tuesday. Knowing the circumstances, it can be stated that this increase will be a great hardship to the occupant.

VICEROY'S ADDRESS.

GOVERNMENT DETERMINED TO DO ITS DUTY.

COMMUNAL RIOTS

Simla, August 17.

Striking observations on matters constitutional and communal were made this morning by Lord Irwin in his first address to the Central Legislative Assembly.

The Viceroy said that they could no more deny the fundamental duty of Parliament to assist India and judge of the progress made than they could deny the ultimate claim which India made and for the satisfaction of which they worked. But before this claim could be fully realised many obstacles imposed by history, circumstance and nature would need to be surmounted. While the past achievements of progress had been the happy fruits of joint Indian and British effort, so now in the solution of the present difficulties, each race had an indispensable part to take. He was the last to ask those who criticised reform to abandon the principles which they revered. The British did not seek to force India into a mould unfriendly to the main features of Indian life and character.

The Viceroy emphasised that events between now and the Commission's statutory enquiry could not fail to exert a great influence upon the conclusions of that body regarding the efficiency, or otherwise with which the policy of 1919 had proceeded.

Unhappily, the burning question remained of the feeling between the communities. He admitted that time was required to heal the wound. Meanwhile the Government had obligations to law-abiding citizens. Although the matters were the primary concern of the provincial Governments, the form in which they were now emerging made them of all-India interest. Contentable claims of rights and exaggerated opposition from time to time had caused anxiety to the authorities. The Government had no intention of allowing any unjust or unreasonable claims, still less any violence, or threat of violence, to deter them from their duty of maintaining the public peace, and so far as was compatible with the rights of others, to ensure the right of the individual citizen to pursue unhampered his lawful avocations. India had an abundance of ability but some of it in the past had been directed along lines that could at best lead to no useful result. The future the whole of India's resources were needed for one of the most constructive tasks which had ever enlisted human energies and hopes.

Imperial Affairs.

Referring to foreign and imperial matters, the Viceroy touched on the friendly relations with Afghanistan and Nepal, and his satisfaction at the solution of the Mesul problem.

As regards the South African question, there would be a delegation to the forthcoming Conference shortly, which would satisfy the Indian public on the question of Indians in South Africa. He declared that the Government was not susceptible to an easy decision by coercive force. The solution must be based upon mutual accommodation and carry the free assent of both communities.

The Viceroy next advised the Assembly to examine the Currency Bill, not in the light of local interests, but with reference to its ultimate reaction upon the economic and commercial prosperity of the whole country.

Alluding to the policy of the development of railway traffic in rural areas with the view to stimulating agriculture, the Viceroy mentioned that the railways had planned to add 6,000 miles of railway, which would be remunerative and a boon to the country. He also referred to the changes in public services based on the Lee Report and declared that shortly all action on the Lee recommendations would be complete and the re-organisation of the services of a very striking nature would have been accomplished.

The public galleries were packed to overflow, and the House was full, and the Viceroy on concluding was loudly cheered and applauded.

There is a farmer in South Africa who actually confesses to having made a profit on last year's work. But, then, he found a diamond mine on his farm.

"In New York we have more Germans than any city in the world with the exception of Berlin; we have more Irish than Dublin; we have more Italians than Rome."—Mayor of New York.

A man went into Cohen's book store, and asked:

"Have you a copy of 'Who's Who and What's What,' by Jerome K. Jerome?"

Cohen replied: "No, sir, but we get 'Who's He and What's He Got,' by Bradstreet."

SHANGHAI.

MARSHAL SUN CHUAN-PANG'S DISPOSITIONS.

PREPARATIONS TO PROTECT.

Shanghai, August 31.

Numerous rumours continue to be circulated locally about the civil warfare in Central China and the attitude of Marshal Sun Chuan-pang, which is causing considerable speculation.

Marshal Sun has issued a proclamation pointing out that too many false and malicious rumours are rife, all of which tend to disturb the peace. There is no foundation whatever to them. He, Marshal Sun, has hitherto adopted a policy of "pao ching an min" (armed neutrality), and this is a stand which he will continue to take. Rumours cannot be permitted to pass with impunity and all are strictly warned against disseminating false reports, otherwise he will adopt severe measures in dealing with them. The local authorities are ordered to keep watch for rumour-mongers and to arrest them and punish them to the fullest extent of the law.

Local Preparations. Arrangements for the defence of the Woosung Fort and the Kaohungmiao Arsenal have been completed, due precautions having been taken against possible attacks. Chinese gunboats, loyal to Marshal Sun, have been posted at Woosung and on the upper reaches of the Huangpu River, near the Arsenal, and no boats are permitted to move near either of these places at night.

Arrangements are being made for the search of vessels coming from Canton, it being thought that professional Bolshevik propagandists have been arriving with Red literature and arms. Gen. Lu Hsiang-ting, Tapan of Chekiang, again passed through Shanghai early yesterday morning on his way from Hangchow to Nanking, to confer with Marshal Sun once more on the situation. It was only on Saturday morning that he returned to Hangchow from Nanking. According to reports, Gen. Lu has completed arrangements for the defence of Chekiang and will be sent to the war front. His family are due to arrive here to-day.

Rumours were prevalent yesterday to the effect that the press gang was busy in Shanghai but these were officially denied.

White Russians Wanted.

Marshal Chang Chung-chang, Tapan of Shantung, is understood to have sent agents to Shanghai to recruit unemployed White Russians for his army. These men are being paid \$30 apiece for expenses whilst on their way to Tainanfu. Already some 80 have been enrolled. Marshal Chang has 3,500 White Russians in his army at the present time.—"N. C. Daily News."

COCAINE CHARGE.

NINE MONTHS' HARD LABOUR.

Henricus Augustus Boom, a Dutchman, aged 28, describing himself as independent, was brought up on remand at Westminster Police Court and charged with being in possession of a large quantity of cocaine. Boom was arrested at Victoria Station on July 21, when, according to the police evidence, a brown paper parcel alleged to contain cocaine was found in his pocket. Mr. Muskett prosecuted for the Crown and Mr. F. W. Perkins appeared for the accused.

Mr. Muskett said the authorities agreed to the case being dealt with summarily, and Mr. Perkins announced that Boom would plead guilty.

Mr. Muskett stated that the accused was a drug suspect, and had been watched by the police. Analysis of the contents of the parcel found in his possession showed that they consisted of 89% per cent. pure cocaine. The parcel was an extremely large one.

The Magistrate: I have never known a case with so large a quantity.

Mr. Muskett: No, nor have I, and we know that when this pure cocaine is diluted, as it is, for sale to women of a certain character and others, it fetches enormous prices. The man is a trafficker in the drug. An order for his deportation has already been made by the Home Office.

Detective-inspector Burnby said Boom had been in this country about twelve months, and had made frequent journeys between here and Holland and France. The police information was that the journey had been made for bringing cocaine to this country and for arranging to bring foreign women of ill-repute here.

The Magistrate (to accused): You will go to prison with hard labour for nine months, and I shall recommend you for deportation.

"Ours is the discontent of optimists and not the dull despair which afflicts a decaying civilization."—Bishop of Birmingham.

AGRICULTURE.

REPORTED TO BE GENERALLY SATISFACTORY.

OUTLOOK IN INDIA.

Simla, August 17.

Agricultural statistics at the end of July with reference to the progress of the Monsoon, as summed up officially are:—"The Monsoon is sufficient in North and East Bengal, Bihar, the Central Provinces, Western India States, Lower and Upper Burma and the majority of the Punjab States. In Assam and parts of Madras the Monsoon is fairly satisfactory. The rainfall is below normal elsewhere and more is needed. The standing crops are generally fair and food supplies are adequate except in parts of Burma. Fodder and water are sufficient except in Sind and parts of Madras, Jharkhand, Indore and Rajputana. The condition of the cattle is good except in desert tracts of Sind and parts of Bhopal, Indore, Rajputana and two districts in Burma. Several cattle diseases prevail in the Chittagong district of Bengal. Some cattle diseases also exist in Assam, the Central Provinces and three States in Rajputana.

In Assam the prospects of tea, jute and cotton generally are good. In Bengal there is an increase of about 16 per cent. in the area under jute, the condition of which is generally good. The gradual rise of rivers in East Bengal is expected to facilitate retting operations in Bengal. The price of jute continues to fall, in anticipation of large supplies, but the price of rice is rising slowly in the Punjab.

The price of wheat is lower than last year in the North West Frontier Province, grains being exported to Afghanistan from Kurram. But there is no appreciable change in prices in Burma. The prices of rice and paddy, and other food grains are generally higher than those at the corresponding period of the previous year. The rice may be due to heavy buying by China and the Far East and to the last harvest being poorer than 1924-1925. The prices are higher than last year in Bihar and Orissa and generally lower than last year in parts of Madras, but are steady in Bombay and the tendency to fall in Western India States and elsewhere is fairly normal with a tendency to rise.

The economic conditions and the agricultural outlook are generally satisfactory except in Sind where there has been generally a decrease in the area under cultivation, one tseli in Ajmer-Merwara, and in the scarcity of works opened owing to the failure of crops.

DANGER OF DIVORCE.

BROKEN VOWS RESULT IN SHORTER LIFE.

The statement made by Professor G. M. Robertson, president of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, that the incidence of insanity among married people is low, but that it is increased in a marked degree by the loss of a husband or wife, gives an added interest to the sensational disclosures of Dr. Herman N. Bundesen, the famous Health Commissioner of Chicago, who declares that married men live virtually twice as long as men who have been divorced.

Dr. Bundesen bases his revelation on new completed statistics compiled by his department on the comparative longevity of bachelors, married men, and men who have been divorced.

The statistics show that out of every thousand divorced men between the ages of twenty-five and thirty-four, fifteen died last year; that out of the same number of single men five died, and out of a thousand married men only four died.

In the group between the ages of thirty-five and forty-four, out of one thousand in each class, eighteen divorced, fourteen single, and only seven married men died.

The age between forty-five and fifty-four comes next. Statistics here again reveal that whereas thirty-seven divorced and twenty-three single men died in each thousand of this class, only fourteen married men succumbed.

Forty-nine bachelors, fifty-six divorced men and only twenty-nine married men, further, died in Chicago last year between the ages of fifty-five and sixty-four in their respective groups of one thousand.

"Consider finally the age of sixty-five and sixty-four in their respective groups of one thousand. Divorced and 112 single out of one thousand over this age died last year, against only eighty married."

"There is a greater eagerness for study in prison than among college students."—Prof. A. DeV. Tassin.

"There are too many students whose aim is to give off money rather than to take on learning."—Dr. John H. Holmes.

FRANCE & SIAM.

VISIT OF INDO-CHINA'S GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

CONVENTION SIGNED IN B'KOK.

Bangkok, August 25.

The Governor-General of French Indo-China, M. Varenne, arrived this evening at 6.45.

The original programme was that he should arrive at eleven this morning, but the steamer encountered bad weather in the Gulf and was considerably delayed at the bar.

The Governor-General transferred to a Siamese warship and was brought up river to the Royal landing, where he was received by representatives of the King and the Foreign Minister and by the French Minister.

Convention Signed. The Governor-General immediately proceeded to the Foreign Office, where the convention between Siam and Indo-China was signed at seven o'clock by Prince Traides on behalf of Siam and M. Varenne on behalf of the French Republic.

The convention delimits the boundary between the two countries on the Mekong river and also relates to their commercial interests. M. Varenne will stay until Sunday afternoon, and during that time will have a full programme of dinners, receptions, etc.—"Straits Times."

GALLANT RESCUE.

DROWNING SWIMMER SAVED BY DR. A. H. SWAN.

AN UNKNOWN MAN.

Shanghai, August 30. — At Tsingtao during the past week, Dr. A. H. Swan was instrumental in rescuing a Mr. Eames, according to word received in Shanghai yesterday, from drowning and a buffeting to death on the wild coast at Litis Hook. Mr. Eames went swimming off the point during the heavy sea subsequent to the typhoon and became exhausted, being dragged away from the coast. His condition was noticed and many people rushed to the beach. Women became frantic and ran up and down screaming. The men seemed powerless to do anything.

The drowning man was swept against the rocky projections but managed to keep afloat although the waves dashed him time after time against the rocks. Dr. Swan came on to the beach and seemed to grasp the situation immediately. He rushed for a life preserver and, despite the heavy sea, dashed through the surf into the swells beyond. Towing the life preserver, he gradually made his way toward Mr. Eames, who was weakening fast. It was after he had put the life preserver around Mr. Eames that the real struggle began. The rescuer had not been a physical director in vain, and his past experience stood him in good stead. Struggling with the waves, he gradually neared the beach, where he was assisted by the others present in dragging the victim of the waves on to dry land. First aid measures were applied and it is understood that Mr. Eames is getting along nicely.

We have been informed that another foreign gentleman, name unknown, either partially or wholly assisted Dr. Swan in the long swim and rescue.—"N. C. Daily News."

CHURCH NOTICES.

A CHARGE OF ONE DOLLAR IS MADE FOR ALL NOTICES UNDER THIS HEADING

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, HONGKONG.

Sept. 15th 1926.
14 Sunday After Trinity.
Holy Communion (8 a.m.)
Children's Service (10 a.m.)
Matins (11 a.m.)
Preacher: Rev. H. A. Wittenback.
Holy Communion (12 noon.)
Evangelism (3 p.m.)
Preacher: Rev. H. Copley Moyle.

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Monday and Thursday 5 to 7 p.m.

OUR WAIFS.

HOW ARE THEY FARING TO-DAY?

POLICE COMMENDED.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

Sir,—Some months ago we first heard of the Police action in taking care of some stray lads, giving them clothes and lodging, finding them jobs, and educating them. With all this help the lads were able to support themselves—a thoroughly good prospect forthcoming. It is now a long time since then, and I am inclined to think that it is about time that we hear something again of it. That is why I have written.

This thing is altogether a very sound and kind deed of the Police authorities, the good tone of the "waifs" being most highly reflected. It is things as such that interest everybody; naturally, it is their wish to hear some news concerning the lads from time to time. Hoping that you will kindly investigate about it and give the thing prominence in your columns, and thanking you.

Yours, etc.,

DEUCALION.

Hongkong, Sept. 3.

DEFENCE CORPS.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW ADJUTANT.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed Mr. Thomas Graham Weall to be a Member of the Advisory Committee of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, vice Mr. George William Sewell, resigned.

His Excellency the Governor has accepted the resignation by Captain George Edward Swinton, M.C., 1st Battalion, the East Surrey Regiment, of his appointment as Adjutant in the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, with effect from September 1.

His Excellency the Governor has made the following appointment under the provisions of the Hongkong Volunteer Regulations, 1920:—

Captain Nevil Charles Dowell Brownjohn, M.C., Royal Engineers, to be Adjutant, with effect from September 1, and until further notice.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

September 4—Queen's Theatre: "Kings of the Turf" 2.30, 5.15 and 7.15 p.m.

September 4—Star Theatre: "Richard Barthelmess in 'Fury'."

September 4—World Theatre: "The Man Without a Conscience."

September 4—A Strok presents Ruth St. Denis, Ted Shawn and the Dennishawn Dancers at the Queen's Theatre, 9.30 p.m.

September 20—Concert in Aid of the Alice and Affiliated Hospitals, 5.15 p.m.

September 24—Promenade Concert by the H.K.V.D.C. Infantry Co., on the Parade Ground at Corps Headquarters.

Sports.

September 4—Second Aquatic Fete of the Victoria Recreation Club.

September 18—Peak Church Sunday School sports and tea at Kellatt Crest, 4 p.m.

September 18—Annual "At Home" of the Chinese Recreation Club.

October 9—Fourth race meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club at Happy Valley.

Auction.

September 9—At Messrs. Lam-mert Bros. Sales Room, Duddell Street, Postage stamps, 5.15 p.m.

Meetings.

September 6—Annual meeting of local Hockey Club in Volunteer Headquarters' lecture room, 6.30 p.m.

September 6—Meeting of the general committee of the H.K. Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, 2.30 p.m.

September 6—General meeting of People's Savings Corporation, Ltd., China Building, Noon.

Miscellaneous.

September 4—To Tsai Church bazaar and fete at the Church, Bonham Road, in aid of new building fund.

September 6—H.K. General Chamber of Commerce resumes Chinese language classes.

September 7—Working party of Mothers' Union at Helena May Institute, from 3 to 5 p.m.

September 11—Examination for new boys joining St. Stephen's College, Prospect Place, 9.30 a.m.

September 12—New term at St. Stephen's College, Bonham Road.

September 14—Sixth yearly drawing of twenty debentures of Hongkong Club, in Club House, 11 a.m.



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Professor F. C. Wilcox has just arrived at Shanghai College to take up the chair left vacant by Prof. E. J. Anderson, Ph. D., and also to assist the Dean of the College in the administration of his office. Prof. Wilcox is well known as an educationalist in East China, having spent 13 years in China, during 10 of which he was the Principal of the Baptist Mission Academy at Ningpo, and a distinguished leader in Baptist Mission educational work, serving as educational representative of the mission in various capacities.

SPORTS SECTION

COUNTY CRICKET.

RAIN ENDS CHAMPIONSHIP PROGRAMME.

FINAL POSITIONS.

County cricket at home this season is now over. There remain a number of festival matches and then will come the M.C.C. off-season tours.

Rain prevented a decision being reached in any of the three matches which were played, so that the positions in the table remain the same. The final "standings" are given below.

There was also an interesting "extra" in a Gentlemen v. Players match.

Gents v. Players.

London, Sept. 3.

Rain seriously interrupted the cricket features. Results are—

Gentlemen v. Players. (This match is not down in the fixtures and the venue is not given).

Match drawn:—

Players (1st) 225 runs. Whysall (Notch) made 88. Newman (Hants) 57.

Gentlemen (1st) 294 runs. G. Challenger (Barbados) West Indies, 27 made 56. K. S. Duleep-sinhji (Cantab and Sussex) 71. Geary (Leicester) took 4 wickets for 52 runs.

Players (2nd) 165 runs for 2 wickets. Whysall made 71. Tyldesley, E. (Lancs.) 50 not out.

County Matches.

At Northampton, the match between Northants and Sussex was abandoned. There was no play on any of the three days.

Middlesex drew with Worcester at Lord's. Scores:—Middlesex (1st) 278 runs for 9 wickets. Lee made 51 and Hunt 81 not out. There was no play on two days.

At Taunton, Somerset drew with Yorkshire. Scores:—

Somerset (1st) 329 runs for 8 wickets. declared. M. D. Lyon made 107. J. C. W. MacBryan 131. Robinson took 6 wickets for 87 runs.

Yorks (1st) 254 runs for 6 wickets. Holmes made 55. Mitchell 51 not out.—Reuter.

The championship table now stands at:—

Won Lst. Pos. Pts. No. Pld. Won Lst. Pld. Won Lst. Pld. Won Lst. Pld. Won Lst. Pld.

Lancashire... 32... 17... 2... 6... 3... 140... 106... 4... 75.71

Yorkshire... 32... 14... 0... 10... 4... 140... 104... 4... 74.28

Kent... 28... 15... 2... 3... 8... 140... 92... 0... 65.71

Nottingham... 30... 13... 7... 4... 5... 145... 82... 1... 55.56

Surrey... 25... 7... 4... 8... 3... 110... 62... 4... 56.36

Middlesex... 24... 9... 4... 0... 6... 95... 51... 5... 53.68

Hants... 28... 10... 5... 4... 8... 135... 70... 1... 51.85

Glanorgan... 2... 9... 0... 1... 0... 95... 48... 5... 50.52

Essex... 30... 6... 9... 0... 9... 140... 61... 2... 43.57

Sussex... 28... 6... 10... 0... 6... 135... 53... 1... 39.25

Derbyshire... 24... 5... 7... 4... 6... 110... 43... 2... 39.09

Warwickshire... 28... 2... 9... 8... 5... 120... 39... 4... 31.66

Leicestershire... 28... 5... 12... 3... 4... 110... 33... 4... 30.00

Somerset... 26... 3... 9... 4... 6... 110... 33... 1... 25.20

Gloucester... 30... 5... 17... 3... 4... 145... 38... 1... 25.60

Northants... 26... 3... 13... 4... 5... 125... 32... 1... 25.60

Worcester... 28... 3... 13... 3... 4... 115... 28... 5... 24.34

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ST. LEGER.

LATEST PROBABLES & JOCKEYS.

ONLY 14 LEFT IN.

As against 18 "probables" called the day before, only 14 candidates are left at present in the St. Leger. This last classic of the Home flat-racing season will be run at Doncaster (1 1/4 miles, 132 yards) on September 8.

London, September 3.

The list of probable, with jockeys, for the St. Leger is:—

Booklet R. Jones
Cassiot T. Weston
Comedy King C. Elliott
Comynah Childs
Pollard Brannan
Glenblay Jameson
Hercules Jones
Hilka Smirke
Lex Emery
Masked Rider Ealing
Norman Duke Lane
Steel Point Perryman
Southbourne Peryman
Wangratta Dempsey

—Reuter.

[Note: From yesterday's list, Daria, Little Jack II, Leuvalle and Piazzetta have been omitted.]

THE AUSTRALIANS.

MATCH AGAINST REST OF ENGLAND.

RAIN PREVENTS FINISH.

London, September 3.

The match at Folkestone between the Australians and an England XI was left drawn.

[Overnight score:—Australia 274 runs. Bardsley 65, Hendry 81, Ponsford 47, Larwood 7 for 95. England XI 57 for 1.]

Third-day play:—

The weather was "overcast" and the start was delayed till 1 p.m. The England XI continued batting, adding 142 runs for the loss of 8 wickets. The score was therefore 199 runs for 9 wickets.

D. R. Jardine (Surrey) made 38. Astill, W.E. (Leicester), 35. J. M. Gregory took 3 wickets for 51 runs.

There were only 1,000 spectators to-day.—Reuter.

U.S. TENNIS.

FINALISTS IN NATIONAL DOUBLES.

Brooklyn, September 3.

In the second semi-final in the national lawn tennis doubles, Williams and Vincent Richards beat White and Thelheimer 6-4, 7-5, 3-6, 6-4.—Reuter's American Service.

[Tilden and Chapin meet the winners in the final.]

FANLING HUNT.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEXT SEASON.

THE "HUNTERS" ARMS.

The Fanling Hounds having completed a year as a subscription pack a meeting was held at the Jockey Club rooms yesterday for the purpose of giving subscribers details with regard to the running of the pack and as to how their subscriptions have been used.

Mr. H. Bickett was in the chair, supported by Dr. Pierce Grove, Mr. G. K. Hall Bruton and Mr. A. H. Potts.

The Chairman referred to the fact that from one cause and another there was only one hound left good for hunting of the four couple from Capt. Benson of the Taunton Vale with which the Hunt was started in October 1924. The scratch pack, however, had given very good sport.

The Chairman said that the thanks of the Hunt were due to the Hongkong Jockey Club for a monthly subscription, which practically paid for the upkeep of the present pack and enabled them to use all subscriptions for getting hounds from home which cost about £12 a piece to bring out. Their thanks for assistance were also due to Lieut. Comdr. Sprague and Mr. Bousfield.

Mr. Bousfield.

Owing to the fact that the majority of the pack had been trained on a drag the Hunt had confined themselves to the latter during the first part of the season but later on they had successfully drawn for foxes which gave reason for the hope that as soon as a good pack consisting chiefly of fox-hounds was got together they would be able to show good sport at the legitimate game.

We have bought 5 1/2 couple of hounds, continued the Chairman, of which 3 1/2 have arrived and 2 are due to-day. The ones which have arrived look most promising in spite of a very hot passage which caused the death of one hound during the voyage.

We have to thank Mr. Pierce Grove, Mr. F. H. Cambridge Drag, for 4 couple and Capt. Springfield, Mr. F. H. Shanghai Hounds, who is at present at home on leave, for 2 couple.

We have also wired Mr. Pierce Grove to endeavour to get us 6 couple more of the Parable Woodman type.

Although our attempts at breeding have not been very successful we have one dog hound out of a litter of 7 whelped last year which is being entered and shapes well, and one couple of pups, out of "Glow Worm" which are being "walked" at Weihaiwei by Capt. Sturges.

Mrs. Bower, Capt. Sturges, and Mr. A. H. Potts acted as Whips during the season but we are sorry to say Mrs. Bower has gone home and Capt. Sturges is leaving us shortly.

There were 60 subscribers last season and the total of subscriptions including special donations amounted to \$2,340. Of this \$900 has been spent on getting hounds out from home and we still have a balance of \$1,275 out of which we have to pay for the 2 couple from Mr. Springfield which will cost about \$450.

Coming Season.

For the coming season we intend to hold at least 5 Steeplechase meetings beginning with one at the end of October and also one or more Point to Point during the Xmas, New Year, and Easter holidays.

The Chairman also mentioned that books of tickets for use on the railway had been arranged for and that they were in treaty for a house at Fanling to be known as the "Hunters' Arms" for the use of subscribers.

Dr. Pierce Grove then gave the meeting details of the hunting on the Kwai Tsing course.

In reply to questions, the Chairman said that there would probably be stable accommodation for about 30 ponies at Kwai Tsing when arrangements were complete. As regarded the "Hunters' Arms" he thought that there would be accommodation for 15 members. The approximate cost of upkeep, including rent and wages to servants, would be \$100 per month.

"To-morrow we shall catalyse water and you will have automobiles driven by hydrogen engines."—Prof. Charles Henry.

"We English have a unique capacity for admiring ability in other people."—Prebendary Gough.

"Like a snowball running down hill, a reputation grows with unusual speed; and, like a snowball, too, it melts away in a moment unless it is solidly moulded."—Nellie Melba.

"Tragedy is difficult, of course, but to keep an audience in continuous good humour is infinitely more so. That is why I want to go back to the so-called lighter things."—John Barrymore.

"Unless our way is capable of becoming the universal way, we have not found the right road."—Dr. R. J. Wade.

Scene—Living room in dwelling located two blocks from local station.

Character—Conscientious housewife.

Business—Housewife sits with pencil grasped firmly in teeth trying to tune in on Betty Crocker, station WCCO, Minneapolis, and to "tune out" local station broadcasting Bible study hour.

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LOCAL BABY WEEK?

DETAILS OF IMPERIAL CAMPAIGN.

RULES & DETAILS.

Hongkong has hitherto won honours in competitions for bonny babies. The following may interest parents here:—

The object of a Baby Week Campaign is to promote in every way possible, right ideas and ideals regarding fatherhood, motherhood and the well-being of infants and little children. The foundation of health is laid in infancy, even before birth itself.

A local Baby Week Campaign is a form of propaganda which by reason of its very intensity is calculated to have great effect. The British Isles, under the auspices of the National Baby Week Council, has led the way in Baby Week celebrations. The movement is spreading throughout the British Empire.

The National Baby Week Council, England, is to award annually a handsome silver challenge shield (donated by the "News of the World") for the most effective local Baby Week Campaign held throughout the Empire exclusive of the British Isles. Conditions vary enormously throughout the Empire, and therefore each campaign will be judged on its merits, particularly in relation to the way in which it is devised to meet the peculiar circumstances of the district it is to cover.

Regulations.

1. A Baby Week committee may be formed by any municipal or voluntary body for the purpose of organising a Baby Week in any geographical administrative area within the British Empire, exclusive of the British Isles.

2. Any Baby Week committee so formed is eligible to compete for the Imperial Baby Week Challenge Shield.

3. A Baby Week campaign, which must be announced as such and which may or may not, according to the discretion of the competing committee, be combined with a Health Week, must be held between June 1, 1926, and such time as will enable the records to be transmitted to, and received by, the National Baby Week Council office in London, on or before June 1, 1927.

4. Competing committees must supply the following information:—

(a) Entry form on which is to be given certain information specified thereon. This form is attached to this sheet. Copies may be obtained direct from the National Baby Week Council, or from the Imperial Headquarters of the area concerned.

(b) A full description of the programme carried out together with an account of the special difficulties and problems presented by the local conditions as they affect the welfare of mothers and little children. Such accounts may be illustrated by photographs, and should be accompanied by copies of any leaflets, posters, and similar propaganda material used in connection with the campaign, also by cuttings from articles in the Press which have preceded, accompanied or followed the campaign as being part of the local Baby Week activity. Special attention should be given in this account to any novel features (such as the use of special films) and of any ingenious devices to secure local interest.

5. Entries must reach the National Baby Week Council, 117, Piccadilly, London, W.1, England, on or before June 1, 1927.

N.B.—In awarding the Shield full consideration will be given to the measure of initiative and energy spent in carrying out the appropriate scheme.

Note.—It should be borne in mind that a Local Baby Week Campaign is intended to be purely of a propaganda and educational nature, and must not in any way be made the medium for furthering the interests of any commercial undertaking.

The award will be announced by the National Baby Week Council during National Baby Week in England, July 1 to 7, 1927, through the Press and other agencies.

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On A Wide Ledge.

Witness continued that there was an almost level ledge of about twenty feet between the site of the boulder which crashed and the quarry face. In his opinion the rock must have turned completely over for it to have traversed the ledge in question. The ground sloped down from each side of the boulder and there were channels and stream courses on either side. From his observations after the collapse he would have thought that the water would have drained off on either side.

In reply to a question as to the course of the boulder witness stated that from the track, still plainly visible, it could be seen that there had been a bend in it. The rock turned to the left, thus diverting it to the Pumping Station owing to it striking a bank of rocks about half way down.

In answer to further questions, witness said he did not think that the collapse could have been either foreseen or provided against. The top and both ends of the boulder were covered with earth. Witness had visited the scene for the first time yesterday morning. Engineers had visited the scene the day after the fall.

Mr. C. J. Tacchi, Inspector of Works in charge of the Pumping Station, was also called. Asked whether it had ever occurred to him that any projection on the cliff was unsafe, witness replied in the negative.

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BOULDER'S FALL.

POKFULAM PUMPING HOUSE DISASTER.

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LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, SEPTEMBER 4, 1926, 10.30 a.m.

Names.	Hongkong Stock Exchange.	Hongkong Sharebrokers' Association.	Settle Share & Mail Society.
T.T. on London			
T.T. on Shanghai	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2
Banks.	77 1/2	77 1/2	nom.
Hongkong Bank			
do. London.	100 1/2 110 0	100 1/2 110 0	110 0
Chartered Bank	126 n		126 n
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	121 b.	121 b.	—
do. C.	130 1/2 n.	130 1/2 n.	—
P. & O. Bank	113 1/2 n.	113 1/2 n.	—
Bank of East Asia	103 1/2 b.	103 1/2 b.	—
Marine Insurances.	84 n.	84 b.	82 b.
Canton Insurance			
China Underwriters	65 n.	620	362 1/2 a.
North China Insurance.	12 1/2 n.	1 1/2 n	1 1/2 s.
Union Insurance	114 1/2 n.	1 1/2 n	—
Yangtze Insurance	288 n.	287 b.	328 1/2 b.
Fire Insurances.	35 b. mex.	40 n.	—
China Fire Insurance			
H.K. Fire Insurance	200 b.	210 s.	—
Shipping.	620 n	610 s.	620 s.
Douglases			
Hongkong Steamboats.	25 b.	25 1/2 b.	25 n.
H.K. Tugs & Lighters.	26 1/2 n.	26 s.	26 s.
Indo-Chinas (Pref)	1 1/2 n.	2 n.	1 1/2 n.
do. (Def.) Ltd.	30 n.	30 n.	30 s.
do. () Hk.	42 b.	40 s.	40 s.
Oriental Navigation	—	40 n.	—
Shell Trans.			
Star Ferries	90 1/2 b.	92 1/2 n.	93 1/2 n.
Water-boats	64 s.	62 s.	62 1/2 s.
Refineries.	15 1/2 n.	15 s.	14 n.
China Sugars			
Malabon Sugars	23 s.	22 s.	10 3/4 s.
Mining.	36 n.	36 b 37 s.	36 n.
Benguet			
Kailan Mining Ad.	1 1/2 n.	—	—
Langkats (Combined)	40 1/2 n.	42 1/2 n.	47 1/2 n.
do. (Single)	23 b.	7 1/2 b.	7 1/2 b.
Shanghai Exploration	13 1/2 n.	12 n.	—
Shanghai Loan	5 s.	1 s.	—
Raubs	7 n.	6 1/2 n.	—
Tronoh Mines	4 3/4 n.	8 1/2 n.	5 s.
Ural Caspians	74 1/2 b.	74 1/2 b.	—
Docks, Wharves,	8 1/2 n.	—	—
Godowns, &c.			
H.K. & K. Wharves	\$112 s.	108 1/2 s.	\$100 s.
H.K. & W. Docks	58 1/2 s.	58 1/2 s.	58 s.
Hongkewa	117 1/2 b.	—	173 b.
New Engineerings	630 b.	165 1/2 b.	634 b.
Shanghai Docks	115 1/2 s.	116 b.	114 b.
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.			
H.K. & S. Hotels (old)			
do. (new)	10 s.	9 sa.	8 3/4 s.
Hongkong Lands			
Hongkong Realty	60 n	50 b 60 s.	50 s.
H.K. Territorial	7 1/2 n.	7 1/2 s.	7 s.
Humphreys Estates	5 s.	4 b.	4 s.
Princes Building	14 60 s.	13 b 13 1/2 a.	13 s.
Rural Lands	80 s.	87 s.	—
Cotton Mills.	1 1/2 b.	—	—
Ewo Cottons	0 1/4 n.	10 3/4 s.	10 30 n.
Oriental	2 1/2 b.	2 60 b.	2 1/2 b.
Shanghai Cottons (old)	52 b.	53 b.	52 b.
do. (new)	27 b.	28 b.	26 b.
Miscellaneous.			
Canton Ices			
Cements (comb.)	8 1/2 n.	8 s.	8 7 n.
do. (old)	12 n.	10 1/2 s.	0 3/4 s.
do. (new)	11 n.	9 1/4 s.	0 s.
China Buses	1 1/4 n.	1 1/4 s.	1 b.
China Lights (comb.)	10 1/2 n.	—	—
do. (old)	19 n.	17 1/2 s.	18 1/4 s.
do. (new)	13 1/4 n.	13 1/2 s.	13 s.
China Prov. (comb)	10 b.	9 s.	10 s.
do. (old)	—	—	—
do. (new)	5 30 n.	5 1/2 s.	4 90 sa.
Dairy Farms			
Der A. Wing (full pd.)	16 1/4 s.	15 1/2 b 16 s.	15 1/2 s.
do. (part pd.)	6 s.	7 s.	—
Hongkong Amusements.			
H.K. Constructions	10 1/4 b.	10 1/4 b.	10 1/2 b.
Hongkong Electrics	2 1/4 n.	3 s.	3 1/2 s.
H.K. Developments	62 1/2 n.	60 b 61 s.	59 s.
H.K. Ropes (comb.)	5 cts.	5 cts.	—
do. (old)	26 s.	—	—
do. (new)	10 s.	10 s.	10 n.
Hongkong Tramways	5 s.	5 s.	5 n.
Lane, Crawfords	23 1/4 s.	23 1/4 b.	23 s.
Macao Electrics	9 n.	7 b 7 1/2 s.	7 s.
Mackintosh	35 n.	—	—
Nanyang Tobaccos	10 1/2 n.	—	—
Peak Trams (old)	13 1/4 n.	13 s.	17 n.
do. (new)	7 60 n.	8 n.	7 1/2 s.
Sincere	11 n.	9 1/4 b.	9 s.
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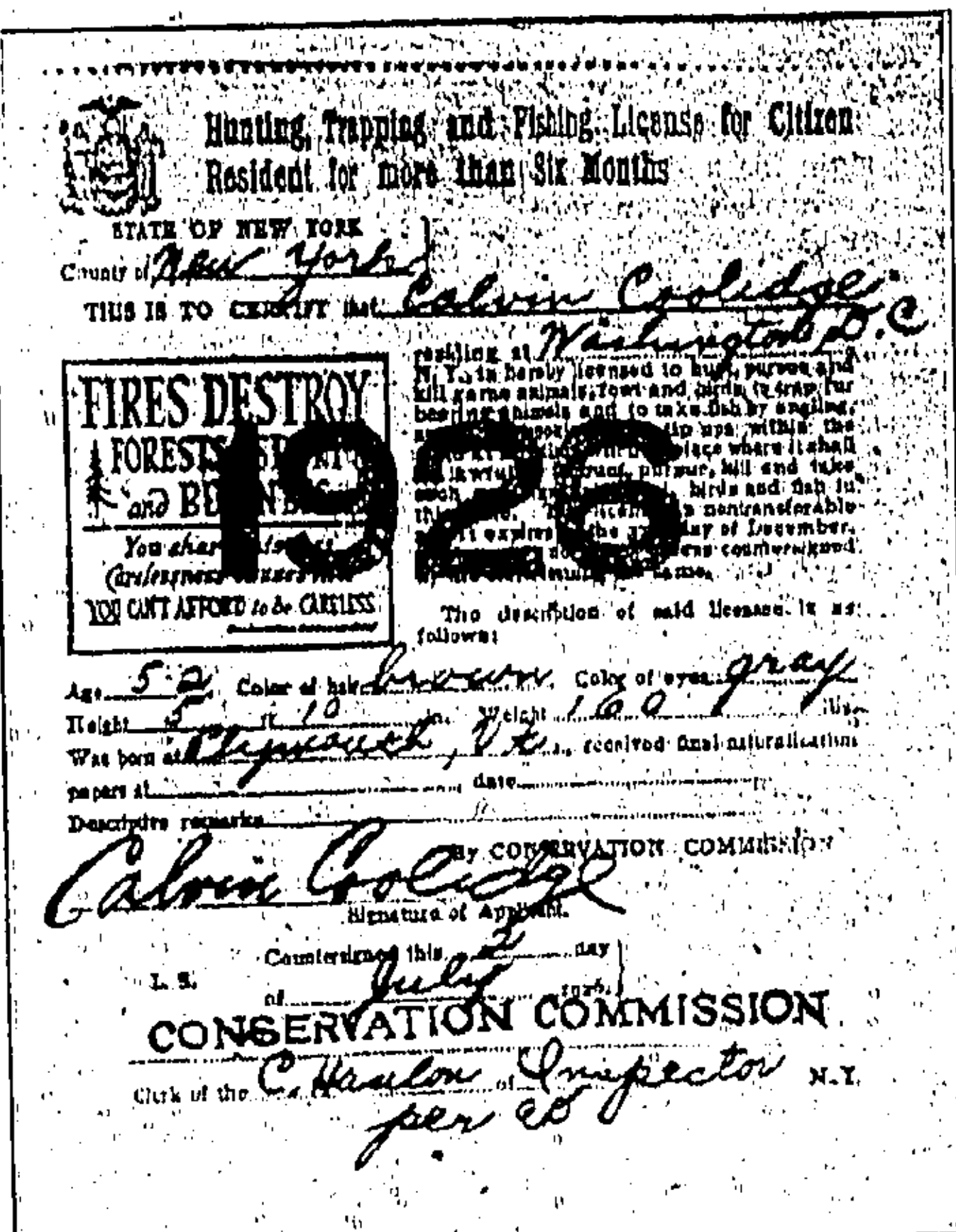
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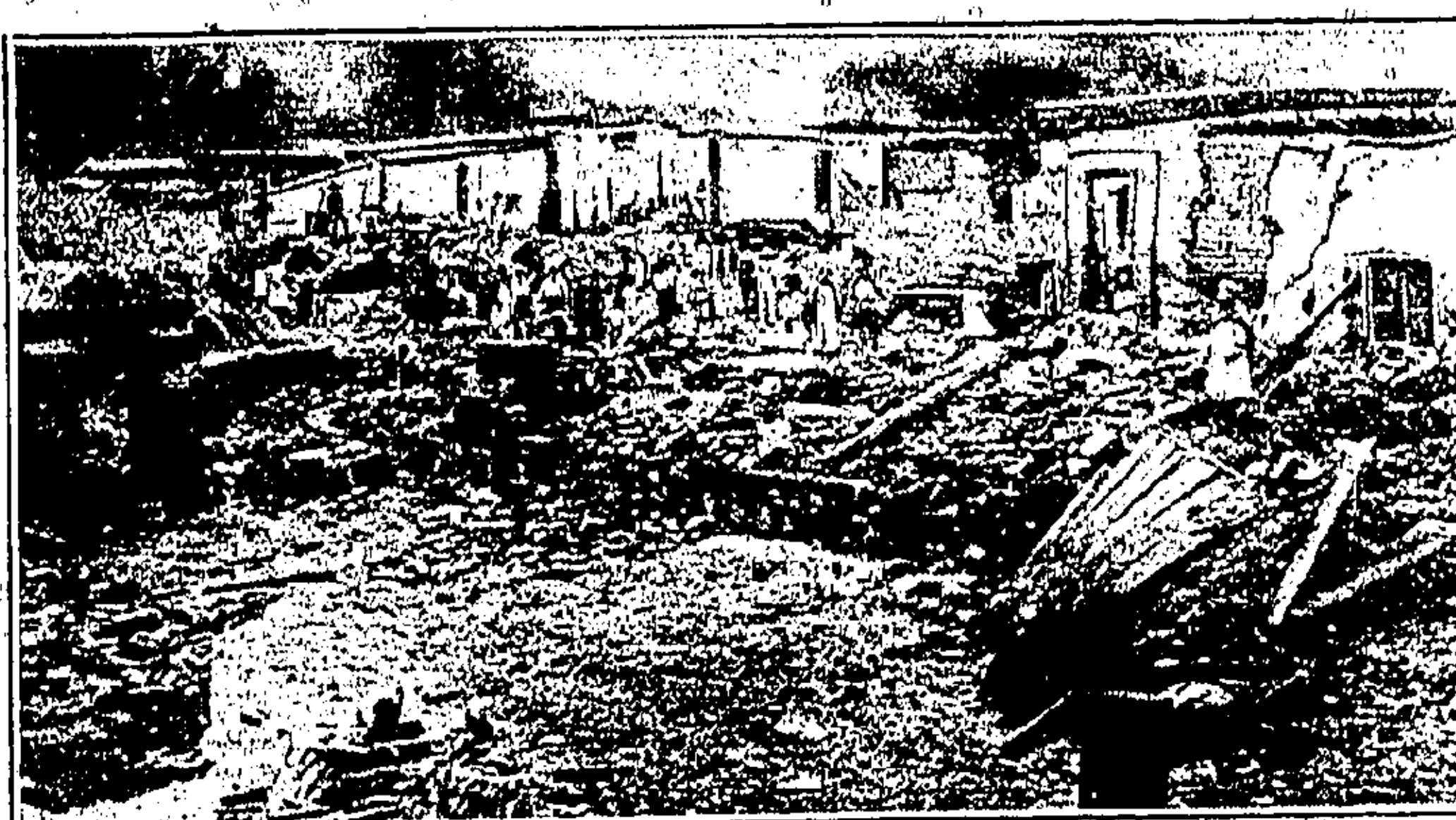
Secretary of the Navy Wilbur launched an investigation into the explosion that wrecked the arsenal at Lake Denmark, killing and injuring scores.



Lieutenant Commander E. Ellsberg, who was given chief credit for the successful floating of the S-51 from where it sank off New London, is shown examining the ship's bell.



A favourite of the silver screen.



This is not a view of Hong Kong after the recent big storm but a picture of the market place at Leon, Mexico, which was taken as the flood waters receded. Hundreds were killed by the flood. Sixty bodies were found on this scene.



Captain W. R. Sayle, in charge of the navy base at Lake Denmark, examined a shell hurled a mile by the huge arsenal explosion there.



President Coolidge was photographed on the special train that carried him to White Pine Camp in the Adirondacks. Secretary of Labor Davis, Secretary of the Treasury Mellon, and Mrs. Coolidge are shown with him.



Secretary of War Davis was among the first to visit the scene of the gigantic explosion of munitions at Lake Denmark. Shells burst near him as he inspected the damage.



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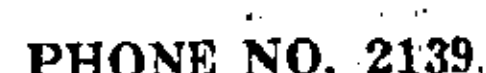
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But I must say, although I'm fond,
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A Doctor Smith passed by the pond.
I heard her call him Quack.
(Continued at foot of next Column.)

The other man will listen to his tale of woe a little sadly; and will then run off to get on with his work as Lord Chancellor or Prime Minister, or something else of importance in that great world where pride and fame and the joy of life give a man the reward of his labour.

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WAYS OF A PLANT

He used a delicate probe, which was made after a suggestion that came to him when, looking at a hedgehog's quill, and which responds to every pulse of the heart. The movement is so slight that a microscope can detect it, but attaching the probe to an elec-

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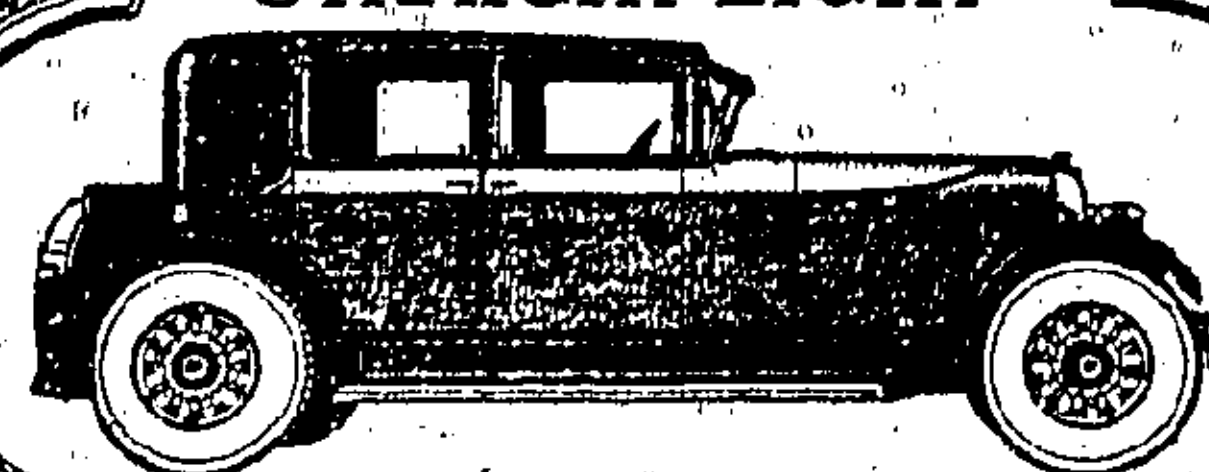
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LEAGUE COUNCIL.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ADOPTED.

RIVAL CLAIMS.

Geneva, September 3.
The report of the Committee on the composition of the Council was finally adopted at a sitting of the full Committee, including the Spanish member.

The report states that as regards Poland, the Polish representative, whilst not desiring to obstruct unanimity on the whole scheme, felt that he must make reservations on the article relating to qualification for re-eligibility.

The Chinese representative declares that he supports the claim of Spain, whilst reserving the right to submit again China's claim for a permanent seat as soon as circumstances permit.

The Polish representative equally recognised Spain's claim, and whilst upholding Poland's claim, was ready in the present political situation not to oppose a solution capable of solving the crisis in the League.

Finally, the Spanish representative, in upholding Spain's claim, declares that he will refer the situation to his Government.

In conclusion the report declares that the modifications in the draft regulations on the composition of the Council will enable the Assembly to keep in view the special claims of States to be represented on the Council during a prolonged period.—Reuter.

Sop to Spain.

Geneva, September 3.
The Committee investigating the future composition of the Council unanimously adopted its report to the Council and adopted a special resolution submitted by Lord Cecil recording the efforts of the committee to give satisfaction to Spain by facilitating her election to a non-permanent seat through its recommendation to create re-eligible seats on the Council which will enable holders to remain members for an indefinite period limited only by their ability to retain the confidence of their fellow-members of the League.

The resolution adds that in order to give these seats dignity and security nomination thereto shall be made by a special vote of the Assembly; whilst, to avoid any impression of insecurity of tenure of seats, the Committee withdrew the proposal as regards the power of the Assembly to order a general re-election for all non-permanent seats—a point on which Spain is understood to have expressed anxiety.

M. Motta (President) in a speech terminating the labours of the Committee, said that the admission of Germany to the League, with a permanent seat on the Council, was now beyond doubt. He hoped that Brazil would eventually return to the League, whilst hitherto nothing had been heard from Spain as regards her future attitude toward the League.—Reuter.

French Fears.

Paris, September 3.
The newspapers fear that the League will henceforth be dominated by Germany.—Reuter.

SNUB TO SOVIET.

BRITISH TRADE UNIONISTS ANNOYED.

PROTEST FRAMED.

London, Sept. 3.
The General Council of the Trade Unions Congress discussed the Home Office's refusal to grant visas for the Russian delegates to the congress at Bournemouth next week.

The Council is drafting a resolution "protesting against the Home Secretary's interference in the legitimate international activities of the Trade Union movement." The Secretary of the Council stated that whilst the Council was in no way satisfied with recent developments of the British Russian Committee and regard certain criticism as reflecting on the Council's action, at the same time that will not influence their international relations in respect of receiving fraternal delegates from a foreign country.—Reuter.

WORLD COURT.

INTEREST IN AMERICA'S RESERVATIONS.

A DEVELOPMENT.

Washington, September 3.
Keen official interest is being taken in every utterance at the discussions at Geneva in connection with the United States reservations for joining the World Court.

It is noteworthy that two Senators who voted in favour of joining have announced that they will now oppose joining even on the Senate's terms.—Reuter.

Referred to Committee.
Geneva, September 3.
The conference which is investigating the United States reservation for the World Court statutes has decided to appoint a Committee to draw up a draft report based on the opinions expressed at the conference.—Reuter.

FROM THE FRONT.

WUCHANG STILL HELD BY ALLIES.

Shanghai, September 3.
According to Japanese reports from Hankow fighting is going on at Wuchang, which is still in the hands of the Northerners.—Reuter.

Shanghai, Sept. 4 (Received Hongkong 11.15 a.m. 4/9/26).
A message from Hankow says that the Volunteers and naval forces were called out early this morning. Everything was quiet at Hankow at nine this morning.

Amongst other reports current is one to the effect that Sun Chuan-fang intends to-day to occupy Changsha, from which Cantonese units have all been withdrawn for the north to assist in the attack against Wuchang. It is also being stated in Hankow that Chang Tiao-lin is sending 20,000 troops to join the reinforcements already arriving.

Further reports regarding the fall of Wuchang have been given out from foreign official sources this morning, and declaring inter alia, that after retreating to Hankow, Wu Pei-fu declared martial law and installed a new Civil Governor and garrison commander.

British and American gunboats are guarding the British and French concessions, while a Japanese gunboat which landed 250 marines is guarding the Japanese concession.

Earlier messages stated that in view of the approach of the Southerners towards Wuchang, on September 1, Wu Pei-fu decided to retreat across the river, still intending to defend Wuchang with reinforcements from Honan. He is stated to have sent Chao Heng-ti to Nanking to enlist Sun Chuan-fang's energetic assistance. The latter has now closed the military school at Nanking and drafted all the cadets into the army. It is expected that he will send about 50,000 troops to Kiangsi.—Reuter.

[The foregoing cable appeared in to-day's "South China Morning Post" dated Peking September 3.]

WAR VETERAN.

TO MARRY A LADY DOCTOR.

Berlin, Sept. 3.
A notice has been exhibited at the Munich Town Hall announcing the impending marriage of General von Ludendorff and a lady doctor, Mathilde von Kemnitz, of Tutzing.—Reuter.

SHIPS COLLIDE.

DUTCH STEAMER DAMAGED SERIOUSLY.

London, September 3.
The North Foreland steamer Volumnia reports having collided with the Dutch steamer Djambi, proceeding from Batavia to London and Rotterdam, in a dense fog. The Volumnia was damaged and went ashore near Dover.—Reuter.

Later.
The steamer Djambi was heavily damaged on the port bow and stern. She is broken all above water.—Reuter.

Proceeds to London.
London, Sept. 3.
A Dover message presumes that the steamer Djambi has proceeded to London.—Reuter.

CHANNEL FOG.

JAPANESE STEAMER IN COLLISION.

FRENCH VESSEL SINKING.

Rugby, September 3.
Traffic in the Channel has been impeded by a heavy fog. Collisions occurred between the Japanese steamer "Andes Maru" and a small naval vessel, slight damage resulting, and between the steamer "Kurdistan" and the French vessel "Cafanes." The latter is reported to be sinking, the crew having been saved by the "Kurdistan."

The steamer "Holumba" of Glasgow, went ashore after a collision with the Dutch steamer "Djambi," but the lifeboat "Folk Stone" which went to her assistance was not required. Cross-Channel steamers are much delayed.—British Wireless Service.

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